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<b>REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>	Attorney Docket No.	1359.1047
	Application Number	09/866,680
	Filing Date	May 30, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Osami USHIGUSA
	Group Art Unit	2155
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	0.00	Examiner Name NAWAZ, ASAD M

**FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 12/08/04)**

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	21	- 21 =	0	X \$ 50.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	- 4 =	0	X \$ 200.00 =	0.00

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\$ 0.00

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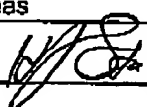
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2155  
Docket No.: 1359.1047

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Osami USHIGUSA

Serial No. 09/866,680

Group Art Unit: 2155

Confirmation No. 5106

Filed: May 30, 2001

Examiner: NAWAZ, ASAD M

For: INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION APPARATUS AND INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION  
METHOD

**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINAL REJECTION AS PREMATURE  
UNDER MPEP 706.07(c)-(e); AND**

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2005, and having a period for response set to expire on August 27, 2005, which (being a Saturday) renders this Amendment timely filed as of August 29, 2005.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINAL REJECTION AS PREMATURE UNDER MPEP 706.07(c)-(e)**

The Examiner states, in items 1 and 2 at page 2 of the Office Action, that claim 21 is directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention as originally claimed. The Examiner further states, "Newly added claim 21 recites limitations directed towards receiving/storing/retrieving email messages."

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner errs. As shown below, the claim 21 recitations cited by the Examiner are present in the claims previously presented, as outlined below (please refer to the complete context of the cited claim recitations in the following):

Particularly, claim 21 is directed to a volatile or non-volatile computer-readable digital storage storing information to allow a server to perform a process. The process comprises:

storing sender distribution rankings (corresponding to the distributed rank storage part, as recited in claim 1, storing a distribution rank, as recited in claim 11, and the distribution rank storage part, as recited in claim 20);

receiving and storing email messages from senders (corresponding to the distribution information storage part, as recited in claim 1 and the distribution information storage part, as recited in claim 20);

allowing a user to connect a client to the server (corresponding to the sending/receiving control part, as recited in claim 1); and

using the user's sender distribution rankings to either: limit a number of messages downloaded, limit a time when messages are downloaded or limit an amount of content downloaded (corresponding to a summarization processing part conducting summarization processing of the distribution information stored in the distribution information storage part in accordance with designation of a summarization degree corresponding to the obtained distribution rank, as recited in claim 1, summarizing the distribution information in accordance with designation of a summarization degree corresponding to the obtained distribution rank to send it to the receiving apparatus, as recited in claim 11 and summarizing the distribution information stored in the distribution information storage part in accordance with designation of a summarization degree corresponding to the obtained distribution rank, and distributing the summarized distribution information to the receiving apparatus, as recited in claim 20).

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claim 21 is not directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. Therefore, the

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withdrawal of claim 21 in the final Office Action was improper and the Action is incomplete for failure to examine claim 21 on the merits.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection was made final prematurely, under MPEP 706.07(d), since claim 21 was not considered on its merits. Thus, the finality of the rejection must be withdrawn.